



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

July 17, 2002

H.R. 5055

A bill to authorize the placement in Arlington National Cemetery of a memorial honoring the World War II veterans who fought in the Battle of the Bulge

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs on July 16, 2002

H.R. 5055 would authorize the Secretary of the Army to place a memorial honoring veterans who fought in the Battle of the Bulge within Arlington National Cemetery. The design and placement of the memorial would be subject to the Secretary's approval.

Based on information provided by Arlington National Cemetery, CBO expects that a private veterans organization would pay for the design and construction of the memorial. The cemetery would incur costs to construct the foundation for the memorial, host groundbreaking and dedication ceremonies, and maintain the memorial. CBO estimates that these costs would be insignificant. Because the legislation would not affect direct spending or receipts, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply.

H.R. 5055 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

On July 11, 2002, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for H.R. 5055, as introduced on June 27, 2002. The two versions of the bill are identical, as are the two estimates.

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